

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting Monday, October 6, 2014 in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Center, Newtown. First Selectman Llodra called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: First Selectman Llodra, Selectman William F.L. Rodgers and Selectman James O. Gaston

ALSO PRESENT: Three member of the public and one member of the press.

VOTER PARTICIPATION: none.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES: Selectman Rodgers moved to accept the minutes of 9/15/14 with the following correction: There was a duplicate entry on the tax refunds, no. 4, 2014-2015; the tax refund is corrected from \$12,652.21 to \$12,245.83. Selectman Gaston seconded. The minutes as amended were unanimously accepted

COMMUNICATIONS: none.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT: none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible action:

1. **Hiring Policy:** The final draft will be carried and approved at the next meeting.

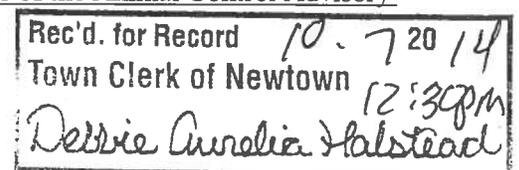
NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible action:

1. **Release of Proceeds of Lot Pin Bond:** Selectman Gaston moved the release of \$11,400 which represents the proceeds of a letter of credit issued by Newtown Savings Bank on behalf of Raffie Aryeh, relative to the Newtown Heights Subdivision and authorized the First Selectman to release the bond to Newtown Savings Bank and execute the indemnity agreement. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.
2. **Appointments/Reappointments:** Selectman Rodgers moved the appointments of Barbara Bloom (R) to the Commission on Aging, alternate, for a term to expire 1/6/15; Virgil Procaccini (R) to the Police Commission for a term to expire at the next General Election, 2015; Robert Rau (R) to the Economic Development Commission for a term to expire 1/6/17 and Curt Verdi (R) to the Fairfield Hills Authority for a term to expire 7/31/16. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor. First Selectman Llodra noted the republican/unaffiliated vacancy on the Sustainable Energy Commission. The last day to express interest is Oct. 24 with an anticipated appointment date of Nov. 3.

ADD TO THE AGENDA: Selectman Rodgers moved to add to the agenda, for discussion and possible action, appointments relative to the Animal Control Advisory Board. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor.

First Selectman Llodra explained that Jennifer Cramer, who serves as a full board member has requested an alternate position due to family obligations while Jane Hellman, who serves as an alternate has requested a full board membership. Selectman Rodgers said both women are conscientious and should be commended. Selectman Rodgers moved Jennifer Cramer from full board member to alternate member and Jane Hellman from alternate member to full board member of the Animal Control Advisory Board. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor.



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3. **Driveway Bond Releases/Extensions:** none.
4. **Tax Refunds:** Selectman Gaston moved to the October 2014 Refunds No. 5, 2014-2015 in the amount of \$30,661.75. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.

ADD TO THE AGENDA: Selectman Gaston moved to add resolutions relative to Fair Housing, as required by state statute, to the agenda for discussion and possible action. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.

5. **Fair Housing Resolutions:** Selectman Gaston moved that the Town of Newtown hereby name Christal Preszler, Planning Department Grant Coordinator, as the Fair Housing Officer for the Town of Newtown. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Gaston moved to designate Christal Preszler as the Planning Department Coordinator for the Town of Newtown responsible for the enforcement of and implementation of the Fair Housing Policy Statement. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: First Selectman Llodra announced that there will be a Memorial Commission update to the Board of Selectmen on Oct. 20; the Animal Control Advisory Committee will also be invited to give an update. There will be a special event on October 26 to honor Dr. Draper and Dr. Grossman for decade's worth of service to the community. The event will take place at the Newtown Congregational Church between 2pm – 4pm and is open to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Legal Matters: Defective Highway claim: Selectman Gaston moved to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters relative to a defective highway claim. Nobody was invited to attend. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor. Executive session was entered into at 7:50pm and returned to regular session at 7:55pm with the following motion:

Selectman Rodgers moved that the town defend itself in the action associated with the claim of injury made by Lindsay Hornyak against the Town of Newtown. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Marcinek, Clerk